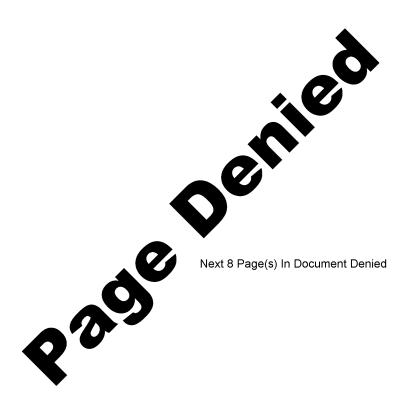
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5.	The port facilities themselves appear not to have been improved over the past several years.  All cargo is handled with the ship's gear. The longshoremen are 50X1-HUM Polish, but their controller is Sovieti, and men are answerable for their time and actions the same as the agents. Cargo is handled on a 24-hour basis seven days a week,
•	the steel in her, and the opening in the breakwater she was covering would 50X1-HUI
	be filled in and the northern entrance used exclusively.
	three ships of the defunct Gdynia-Amerika Lines were in the old German shipyard 50X1-HUI half way between Gdynia and Gdansk, one of them supposedly being converted into 50X1-HUI troop transport by the Soviets. When the Gdynia-Amerika Line ceased operations they had tried to sell the ships to the East Asiatic Company, but the Soviets had grabbed control of them for their own interests. The names of the 50X1-HUI ships were named for heroes of Poland.
6.	The port authorities institute the usual search of the ship and muster of the crew.
	All radio equipment, cameras and binoculars are sealed. The crew are allowed ashore using a pass provided by the local authorities. The agents provide the Polish money necessary to purchase anything ashore, but each man is allowed so little that it is hardly worthwhile trying to purchase anything. The people in the city are friendly to the seamen and there appears to be no prejudice or bitterness with outsiders. The Soviets in the city are quite a bit stiffer in their associations, but they seem more polite and obliging when there are women present.
7.	no warships in the area of Gdvnia and no submarine natrola
	ships and submarines subset in the rinnian fair there are always many Sovietin subset, surfaced, in the area 21° North and 58° East off the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. These submarines did not appear to be on an extended or directed voyage but appeared to be operating in the local area. into the Gulf of Finland 50X1-HUI the Soviets have imposed a restricted area off the coast of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. At the point off the Soviets owned area of Porkkala the Gulf is narrowed to a five-mile channel, with the buoy line off Porkkala on the north and the prohibited Soviet area on the south. to mariners
j	onto the ship's chart of the area.  50X1-HUI
	The area of Porkkala is guarded very zealously, both from sea and land, and the Soviets may be building up naval facilities in the area. this narrowing of the channel makes navigation dangerous in times of heavy weather and poor visibility.  50X1-HUM
<b>8.</b>	May 1951
* <sup>1</sup>	The super-highway was nearly finished at that time, and it should be finished by now. On the great amount of construction and reconstruction going on in Gdansk. It seemed that the city was being completely rebuilt.
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	dressed in the latest western European styles and fashions in clothes and furs.
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Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2013/07/30 : CIA-RDP80-00926A005400050004-5 50X1-HUM CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY / SECURITY INFORMATION The old casino and large hotel were both operating, but neither so pretentiously as before World War II. There was an art exhibition in Zoppot at 50X1-HUM It included paintings and sculpture. about 75% of the exhibits were of Soviet origin. 50X1-HUM 9. 10. Comment: the port of Gdynia is being little used at this time, and very small cargoes only are picked up there, none of which are industrial goods and the imports are usually raw materials, rubber, copper, tin, etc. Although not \ any specific naval

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